

REMARKS

Applicants withdraw claims 1-5, 25 and 26 from further consideration by the Examiner and cancel claims 6-24. Claims 27-34 are currently pending in the application.

Objection to Drawings

The Examiner has objected to the drawings and required that corrected drawings be submitted. Applicants submit that in view of the indicated amendments to the specification, corrected drawings are not necessary. No new matter is being added by the indicated amendments. Applicants request that the indicated amendments to the specification be entered and the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

Other Objections and Rejections

Applicants traverse the other objections and rejections made by the Examiner. Applicants have canceled claims 6-24 without prejudice.

New Claims

Applicants have added new claims 27-34. Applicants submit that these claims are allowable over Peshkin et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,799,055) (hereinafter *Peshkin*). Applicants submit that *Peshkin* teaches specifying the dimensions of a virtual object (e.g., an object that does not actually exist in the images). Claims 27-34 are directed to measuring an actual anatomical feature appearing in the images using this capability. This new use of a previously existing capability is not taught or suggested by *Peshkin*.

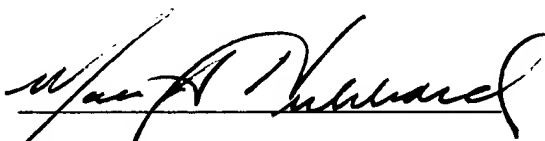
CONCLUSION

Therefore, for the forgoing reasons, the outstanding rejections should be withdrawn and all the claims allowed. Such action is respectfully requested. The Examiner should feel free to telephone the undersigned representative to resolve any outstanding issues.

Accompanying this Amendment and Response is a Petition for a Extension of Time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 13-4900 of Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr, P.C.

Respectfully submitted,

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